

PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, June 26, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: David Smith Sr., Christopher Tomich, Anthony Gulotta, Margaret Martin and Timothy Fulco.

Sign-in sheet attached.

Meeting Change: The July 24 Regular Business Meeting for the Planning Board was changed to Wednesday, July 23. A. Gulotta will tell Rhonda La Bombard about the change so that she can post it.

Budget: A. Gulotta said that all bills are due before July 1 so that the Town can wrap-up their fiscal year. He said that the Planning Board will have approximately \$4,000 on July 1.

Minutes: *D. Smith Sr. made a motion to accept the minutes for the 6/12/08 Regular Business Meeting as amended. His motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

Mail: Included the following:

- ❖ letters of decision from the Building Inspector
- ❖ BRPC training opportunity on the 5th Thursday of July 31
- ❖ letter from the Board of Selectman appointing David Smith Sr. and Rene Wood as representatives to the BRPC
- ❖ ZBA notice of appeal by Sheffield Plastics.

Rhonda LaBombard keeps a box where this information is available for Planning Board members.

Joe Wilkinson's Statement: Mr. Wilkinson appeared personally to state that in general there are too many delays by Planning Boards and that a contractor should be able to change a plan more easily to address safety issues. He said that everyone looks bad if a project as designed is carried through and does not function correctly according to the original design. Contractors fear coming back to Planning Boards to make the project work correctly for fear of more expense, red tape and delay to the client. He feels that if there need to be minor changes, Planning Boards should make those changes work. He noted that the Sheffield Planning Board has not caused him concern, but that he is appearing before several Planning Boards in the area to highlight this issue.

Wind Farm Seminar: D. Smith Sr. reported on a 5th Thursday dinner he attended on the topic of residential and agricultural uses of wind energy. He said that the seminar addressed liability issues and he recommended we have a committee to draft bylaws

which are needed. Materials relating to this topic will be in the box that Rhonda LaBombard keeps for Planning Board information.

Rules and Regulations: C. Tomich asked that by the 7/10 meeting the Board Members have this draft document read so that it can be amended and approved. The draft is dated April 2008.

Howden Refund: A. Gulotta noted that Bruce Howden over-paid for his Form A Application by \$150. He will address this with Mike Ovitt.

At 7:43PM, M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved 5-0, to suspend the Regular Business Meeting.

At 8:10PM, M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved 5-0, to re-open the Regular Business Meeting.

Planning Board Training: Rene Wood sent information on Board training. M. Martin will find out the dates for the training and send out an email.

Signs in Windows: Tom Carmody, the Building Inspector, said that he has received some applications for signs in windows. He stated that the town by-laws are silent on this question. He has requested advice from Town Counsel. Mr. Carmody said that if he does nothing about these applications they will be granted. He suggests this issue be added to the work of the sign committee.

At 8:20PM, D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board